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## Also A Candidate For The State Senate In G. O. P. Primaries

Gerald D. Jones of North Amherst has announced his candidacy for the office of Senator from the Hampshire-Franklin district to succeed former Senator James A. Gunn of Turners Falls. Although not well known in Northfield, Mr. Jones made a visit to the town last week and was accorded a splendid welcome. He served as a member of the House of Representatives in 1935 and 1936 and is well acquainted with the interests of the



GERALD D. JONES

state and all legislative problems. He served on the committee on Labor and Industry and was its clerk. He was also a member of the committee on Conservation.

For seven years he has been a member of the Amherst Board of Selectmen and a member of the Republican Town committee. He is a graduate of Massachusetts State college, class of 1903. Mr. Jones has been actively engaged in business in Amherst for over 40 years and has always been interested in all its civic problems. He is a trustee of the Amherst Savings Bank, a director of the Northampton Street railway and has other interests. He attends the Congregational church and is a member of Pacific Lodge of Masons. He is also a member of the Republican club of Massachusetts. Primary nomination blanks are being circulated here for Mr. Jones.

## Fortnightly Women Held Annual Luncheon

Saturday noon, April 15, at the Northfield Hotel the Fortnightly club held their annual luncheon meeting with about sixty in attendance. An informal reception was held with the members of the Executive committee as hostesses when the guests were introduced. A fine menu was served in the dining room of the hotel and the guest speakers were Mrs. Frank D. Rugg of Greenfield, the district director and Mrs. Edith French of Boston, president of the State Federation. Mrs. French spoke of the war work done by women and of the efforts of the Federation to be of service in many ways. Mrs. I. P. Goodspeed and Mrs. Robert N. Taylor provided a number of musical selections. The annual luncheon proved to be an interesting session. The annual meeting of the Fortnightly will be held at Alexander hall on Friday, April 28 at three o'clock and the hostesses will be Mrs. William D. Miller, Mrs. Frank Evans and Miss Amelia Hausman. Reports will be given of the year's activities and officers chosen. It will be the final session for this season.

At the annual meeting of the Fortnightly held this Friday afternoon, there will be a reading by Mrs. George W. Carr and a program of special music.

## Newton-Dobias

Miss Helen A. Dobias, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dobias, Jr., of Colrain and Lt. Donald G. Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Newton of this town were married in a chapel ceremony at the Sedalia army air field, Warrensburg, Mo., by Chaplain Willis J. Lewis on Sunday, April 16. Lt. Newton is with the First troop carrier command. His friend, Lt. Ralph Pierson was best man and Mrs. Pierson was the bridesmaid. After the wedding a dinner party was enjoyed at Warrensburg, where the young couple will make their home. Lt. Newton is a graduate of the Northfield High school, and attended State College at Amherst. Mrs. Newton is a graduate of Arms academy of Shelburne Falls.

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## Henry M. Shepard Grandson Mrs. Moore In Aviation Service

Henry Moore Shepard, grandson of Mrs. Merrill T. Moore of Maple Street, this town, was graduated as a Second Lieutenant, and awarded the silver wing of a military pilot, at the graduation exercises of his class on March 12th at the advanced twin engine flying training school at Blytheville, Arkansas. Lieut. Shepard is a graduate of Searls High school of Great Barrington, class of '38, and he was a senior in the University



of Maine, majoring in forestry when he enlisted for basic training at Atlantic City in February, 1943. He received his preflight training at Maxwell field in Alabama and his flight training in Arkansas. On March 24th he reported to Lockborne Army air field at Columbus, Ohio for transitional training on B-17.

His wife is the former Miss Irene James of Woodland, Maine and is with him during his present training. His brother, James M. Shepard, is an aviation cadet receiving basic training at Tucson Arizona.

Both are the sons of Mrs. Ruth Moore Shepard of Alford, Mass. and have visited here frequently at the home of their grandmother Mrs. Merrill T. Moore. Northfield friends are interested in their activities.

## Unitarian Alliance Elect Their Officials

At the annual luncheon meeting of the Women's Alliance of the Unitarian church held Thursday afternoon, April 13, some thirty members were seated at the tables beautifully decorated with greens and flowers and served with tempting dishes prepared by a committee to which Mrs. Bertha Leach was chairman. After the luncheon a business session was held when reports of the year's work were presented and a talk given by the minister of the parish, Rev. Arthur Heeb. With the report of the nominating committee offered the following officials for the ensuing year were chosen: Mrs. John V. McNeil, president; Mrs. Oler Doolittle, vice-president; Mrs. Henry C. Holton, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles H. Webster, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Frank W. Williams, treasurer.

The following committees were also announced: social service committee, Mrs. John V. McNeil; Mrs. Joseph Field, Mrs. George N. Kidder, Mrs. William Barr, Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mrs. Harry Haskell; work committee, Mrs. Bertha Leach and Mrs. George N. Kidder; sewing committee, Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. Fred Irish, Mrs. William Barr, Mrs. Edward Morgan, Mrs. George N. Kidder; program committee, Mrs. John V. McNeil, Mrs. Charles Leach, Mrs. Robert N. Taylor, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs. Carroll Miller; flower committee, Mrs. George N. Kidder, Mrs. Charles H. Webster, Mrs. Charles Leach, Mrs. Raymond Sauter, Mrs. Harold Bigelow.

## Trustees Will Meet

The Board of Trustees of The Northfield Schools will hold its spring meeting in Kenarden Hall on Saturday, May 6. The sessions will start Friday afternoon with a meeting of the directors of The Northfield Hotel and continue with a trustees' dinner at 7 o'clock.

Following the trustees' meeting, the members of the board will join the student body in luncheon at various dormitories.

The Sunday morning chapel speakers will be Dr. J. Edgar Park, president of Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., at Memorial Chapel, Mount Hermon, and Dr. Halford E. Luccock, Yale Divinity School, in Russell Sage Chapel at Northfield.

## Lieut. Paul Davis "Safe In Germany" Prisoner Of War

"Missing in action" on March 3rd after participating in a bombing raid over the European area was the text of a brief message received by Mrs. Margaret Davis of Main Street, concerning the activities of her son, Lieut. Paul T. Davis, member of the crew of a flying fortress. Following the receipt of the message, a package was received containing his air medal and decorations, forwarded by his command as is usual in such experiences. Anxious days have passed and not until last week, was the tension relieved, when a message from the International Red Cross, through Washington, arrived which conveyed the information that Lieut. Paul T. Davis was safe and "a prisoner of the German government." It was a brief, cryptic statement, but will probably be followed by a further statement later. Friends of Mrs. Davis and of the young Lieutenant are overjoyed at the encouraging news that he is safe, although a prisoner and out of the war for the duration. The story of his experience will have to wait till the end of the conflict, when it can be told.

The Red Cross showed a number of moving pictures of their endeavors in Silverthorne Hall to the students of the Seminary on Friday evening, April 14.

## Speakers Are Announced General Conference August 6-13

The General Conference will resume after two seasons at The Chateau, with a war-time program turn to the Northfield campus this offered.

The 1944 program will retain some of the features used at The Chateau sessions and the Conference period will be shortened to eight days. Accommodations will be available in the dormitories and the recreational and cultural facilities of the school will be at the disposal of guests.

The speakers have been selected with a view to their understanding of the problems of Christian leadership in war-time and in the post-war world, and their ability to share their understanding with others.

Among the distinguished Christian leaders who will take part in the program are:

Dr. Adam W. Burnet, St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, Scotland; Dr. Harris E. Kirk, Franklin Street Church, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. Paul R. Moody, associate minister, First Presbyterian Church New York City; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor of Applied Christianity, Union Theological Seminary; Dr. William E. Park, President of The Northfield Schools, and chairman of the General Conference. Dr. Paul Scherer, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, New York City;

## Elected Another Term School Superintendent

Robert N. Taylor of this town was chosen for another three year term of the Union school district which comprises the towns of Northfield, Warwick, Gill, Bernardston and Leyden at a meeting of school committee members held at the Center school on Monday evening. Harry Erickson of Mount Hermon, who is president of the union, presided at the meeting which gave its approval to Mr. Taylor's work during the past three years. Mr. Taylor succeeded Supt. L. W. Robbins, who had reached the retirement age and who now resides at Randolph, Me.

The Ladies' Sewing Society of the Congregational church will have a sale of quilts, aprons and smaller articles on Thursday, May 4 at 2 o'clock in the vestry of the church.

Mrs. E. M. Powell has been on a visit to St. Louis, Mo., to attend a graduation of her son, "Ted" Powell in a military training camp there.

Mrs. William E. Park entertained at a party on Thursday afternoon, April 20, a group of women at her home.

Dr. John C. Schroeder, Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, Yale University; Dr. Amos N. Wilder, Professor of New Testament Interpretation, Chicago, Theological Seminary.

## Plotczyk-Langeway

The marriage of S-Sgt. John A. Plotczyk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Plotczyk of West Northfield and Miss Evelyn Alice Langeway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Langeway of Vergennes, Vermont was solemnized at St. Peter's church of Vergennes on Sunday evening, April 23rd with members of the families attending. Following the ceremonies a reception took place at the Middlebury Inn, where before entering the service, Mr. Plotczyk was assistant manager. They will spend a portion of their honeymoon at the Inn and with their respective families. S-Sgt. Plotczyk is with a bomber command somewhere in the south Pacific and has received the coveted air medal and oak leaf clusters. His furlough is until the middle of May when he will return to active duty. While at his home here he greeted many of his friends in Northfield.

The spring meeting of the Franklin County Christian Endeavor Union was held at Shelburne Center on Saturday, April 22 with a large attendance. Miss Ruth Field of Northfield, president presided and the guest speakers were State President Herman E. Decker and Wendell Creath, secretary of the Greenfield Y. M. C. A. Several delegates from Northfield attended.

PRESS ADS — NONE BETTER

## Soon Enroute Home From Florida Scenes

Recent letters received indicate that many local citizens and summer sojourners, who have spent the winter in Florida will be enroute home. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Farnum were among the first to return.

Others who are on the way are Mrs. Grace C. Cornell of Winchester Road, who is visiting friends on the home stretch; Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan and Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Watson will soon arrive. Miss Nellie R. Nye is expected in a few days and she states that she has enjoyed a perfectly wonderful winter; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Coburn have left Orlando but will visit at Jamaica, N. Y. and Chatham, N. Y. before reaching here; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morse are returning; Mrs. William Voorhies has returned and gone to her home at Mendham, N. J. but will come to Northfield in May; others expected soon to wend their way northward include Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moody, Mrs. E. L. McIntire and her sister, Miss Mable Livingston.

The body of Mrs. Ellen C. Curran of Whately, who died Thursday, April 20, was brought here for burial on the following Saturday, April 22, at the family plot. She was born here Oct. 6, 1864, the daughter of Timothy and Ellen Crehan but had made her home in Lewiston, Maine for most of her life.

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## TOWN TOPICS

It is announced that the conference of the New England district of the Free Methodist church will be held in Northfield June 3 to 5. It is expected that Bishop M. D. Ormston will be in attendance.

Luckey O. Clapp, as chairman of the town's salvage committee conducted a solicitation of tin cans last Monday, which proved quite successful. Householders had accumulated a large quantity.

Rev. Frederick Dixon of Heath has accepted a call to become the pastor of the Goodale United church of Bernardston. He is a graduate of Mount Hermon school and Dartmouth college and has spent ten years as a missionary in Africa.

After spending the winter with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Randolph of Westfield, N. J., Mrs. David Tomkins has returned to reopen her home on the Winchester road.

Dr. R. E. Hubbard, who is in the service, recently with the troops in the south Pacific is now back in England.

The Salvation Army corps of Greenfield held an evangelistic meeting at the home of Major and Mrs. William Brindley on the Louise Andrews camp grounds on Thursday evening, April 20.

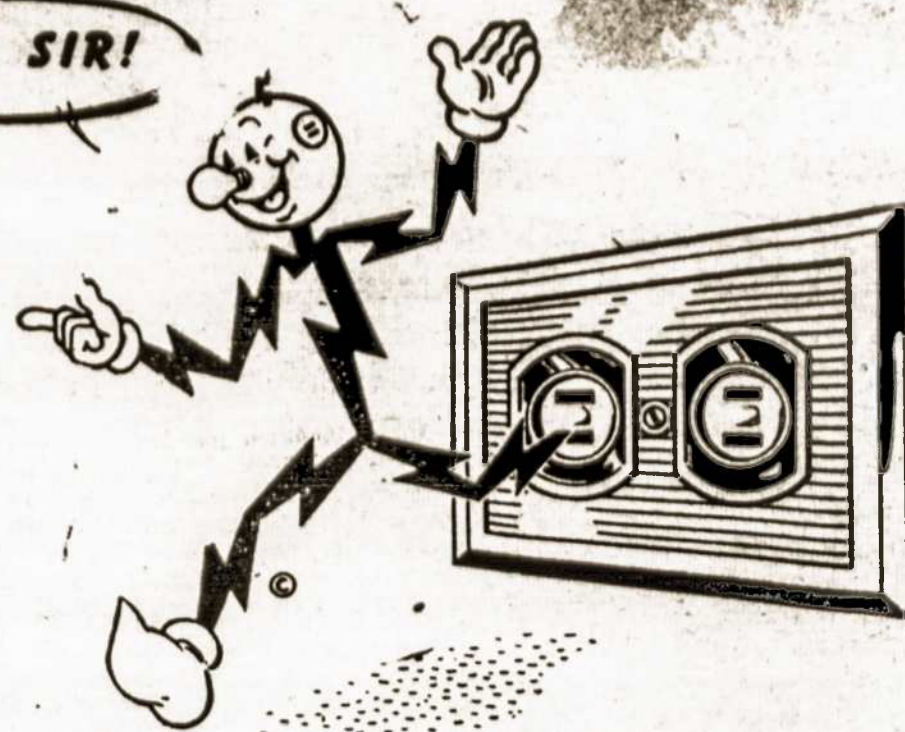
The movies and dances at the Town Hall are proving very popular and now are being given the support necessary to make them self sustaining. Friday evenings supply a much needed morale builder for the young people and older ones of the community. Keep them going and encourage the committee in charge as well as the sponsors.

While in Florida on their recent trip in the south, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith of the Youth hostel visited Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage at their orange farm at Orlando. Mr. and Mrs. Smith used bicycles in their trips in Florida.

Dr. Liston Pope of Yale University will be the speaker at the 11 a. m. service in Russell Sage chapel on Sunday, April 30. The preacher at Mount Hermon school at 10:30 on that day will be the Reverend Orvil E. Mirtz of the Mount Hermon school faculty.

Dr. William E. Park is speaking at the morning service at Wheaton college, Norton, Mass., on April 30 and in the afternoon at the vesper service at Tabor academy, Marion.

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